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To the Society of Inquiry in Princeton Theological Seminary.

Dear Brethren.

Some weeks since a letter was received from your Corresponding Sec proposing to open a correspondence with the Society of Inquiry in this College. Your communication was read in our Society and a unanimous vote passed to comply with your request. We would heartily reciprocate your kind respects and without offering any apology, proceed to answer your inquiries. Feeling that we are fellow laborers in the same glorious cause, our Society has been in existence about two years though small at its beginning and feebleness at times since. For two years past it has been in a very flourishing state and we believe most happy. It now numbers eighty members, embracing the greater part of the piety and talent in this Institution. No Society, literary or scientific exists in college more general interest. Our Object is the same as those of the Society of Inquiry in Andover Theo. Sem. which includes all the benevolent operations of the day, but more especially that of Foreign Missions. We meet regularly once in two weeks, when a question is discussed and several dissertations read all bearing directly or indirectly on the conversion of the world. The Society is divided into several Committees. The Chairmen

which makes a Report annually before the Faculty and nearly all the Students in College. During the past year we have expended about one hundred dollars in providing and furnishing a Room for a Museum. We consider this the best measure we could take for the permanent interests of the Society. We have deposited in it a small collection of curiosities and shall rapidly be in the way of receiving more by means of our Foreign Correspondence. We procure the Reports and Publications of all the kindred Societies and have recently taken efficient measures for procuring a valuable Library — —

We are holding a correspondence with several kindred Societies in Colleges and Seminaries of our own land, as well as with most of the different Missionary Stations, Missionaries, who have graduated at this College. See particularly interested in us and often favor us with curiosities and communications.

Our Society in no way connected with the Monthly Concerts. This is conducted entirely by the Faculty, and is attended more fully than any other religious service we have. Same on the Sabbath. The average number is about one hundred and fifty. For many years there has been a deep Missionary Spirit in this College. This Institution was founded in prayer and has been watered by the tears of the Church. God too, has set the seal of his own approbation upon it. No Class has as yet left these heights of Zion without experiencing in their collegiate course the special visitations of God's Spirit. Though in infancy, yet it claims the high honour

of graduating more Foreign Missionaries than any other College in the U. S. Some of these have rested from their labors, but others are still in the field, hearing the heart and hands of the army, and when they send back to the members of their Alma Mater, the Macedonian cry "Come over and help us", a full and hearty response goes up to Heaven from nearly thirty Students "Here Lord, send us - take us and dispose of us as seemeth good in thy sight". - We are ready to fulfill the dying command of our risen Redeemer in proclaiming the unsearchable riches of his Salvation to the perishing Heathen - Let come what will, prosperity or adversity - life or death, Woe, woe be to us if we preach not the Gospel to the Heathen."

You "inquire what is the State of Religion and of feelings in regard to Missions in the Churches around us" We cannot cheer your hearts by a favorable report of ourselves but God is doing wonders about us. Many of us are glad. There are several Revivals in this vicinity and in other parts of the State which number from twenty to two hundred conversions. We trust the set time to favor our Neighborhood Zion has come, and that this year will be a year of the right hand of the most High. The Spirit of Missions is generally increasing, and taking a deeper and stronger hold on the [illegible] prayers and sympathies of all classes of the Community Dear Brethren - We have briefly answered your inquiries, and in conclusion, be assured that you have our best wishes and most fervent prayers, and we would earnestly solicit a continued Correspondence. In behalf of the Society of Inquiry. Nathan Allen. Cor. Sy

To the Rev. Lee Dear Sir. At the advice of Mr S. Mr. Johnson last Term we procured a large blank book for preserving Missionary correspondence, items, facts &c in the name of your Society. He also gave us an abstract of a similar book, kept by your Committee. This abstract is lost and we are anxious to obtain another immediately.

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Now will you have the kindness to send us one soon and if convenient answer this hasty communication? By so doing you will greatly oblige our Committee Nathan Eben